

Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of this Application is requested.

Claims 6-11 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Kara, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,249,777B1).

Kara discloses the following in lines 10-29 of column 13:

"It shall be understood that as an alternative, or in addition, to the use of encryption in the transmission of the data packet, a system wherein the transmitted data packet only contains information sufficient to enable the forming of a portion of the desired postage indicia may be used if desired. Such a system provides added security by requiring the receiving PC to generate, or otherwise match, the remaining portion of the postage indicia in a form so as to complete the transmitted portion of the indicia. In a preferred embodiment, the Meter program selects the portion of postage indicia to transmit based on a record of past demands by the particular Demand program. Likewise, the Demand program selects the remaining portion of a postage indicia to print based on a similar record of past demands. It will be appreciated that it is very unlikely that any PC, intercepting the transmission of the demand or the resulting data packet, would be able to predict the correct content of the remaining portion of a postage indicia to be printed. Therefore, an extra measure of security against rogue use of the postage indicia is afforded by such a system."

The above indicates that Kara discloses a form of security on the transmission and not on the data going down the transmission line. The security is enabled by sending a portion of the postal indicia over the line and requiring the receiving PC to generate the remaining portion of the indicia so that the indicia may be printed.

Kara does not disclose or anticipate step (c) of claim 6 and those claims dependent thereon, namely, running a postage meter application on said web server that communicates with at least one cost accounting table that includes the date of the

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meter transaction; the transaction identification; the meter account number; and the total count of pieces processed by the meter.

Applicants' claimed postage meter application processes a transaction and describes how the postage meter calculates the postage values.

In view of the above, claims 6-11 are patentable. If the Examiner has any questions, will the Examiner please call the undersigned at the telephone number noted below.

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